

## **KDLA Annual Report 2010 A-12**

### KLA Archives

KDLA staff has created an electronic archive of KLA Board reports as received by the KLA Secretary. This archive is on the KDLA website at: <http://kla.kdla.ky.gov/>. The archive currently includes reports from the 2007-8 and 2008-9 years. Reports from 2009-10 will be added as soon as they are finalized.

### Budget

2010 was another year of budget cuts. Every program along with KDLA operating funds have been substantially reduced. The new budget started with a reduction of 5% with additional reductions likely during this year.

### Professional Development

KDLA was able to offer 3 scholarship programs for public library staff members during the year. Through the Bridging the Gap Grant with NKU and BCTC, LSTA graduate scholarships, and scholarships provided by the State Board for the Certification of Librarians, almost 100 public library staff members attended classes during the year.

KDLA inaugurated the first New Directors' Orientation for new public library directors and the first Public Library Leadership Institute.

### Stimulus Grants

KDLA received a stimulus grant for \$325,000 to allow 10 public libraries to offer equipment and training for providing workforce development opportunities to the public.

KDLA also received a grant of \$1.3 million from NTIA for equipment and training for 60 public libraries to offer additional broadband service. A matching grant from the Gates Foundation will provide funding for e-rate assistance for public libraries.

### Public Library Development

New or substantially renovated libraries were opened in Perry Co., Floyd Co., Lawrence Co., Bullitt Co., Cumberland Co., Owsley Co., Boyle Co., Lincoln Co., Jefferson Co., Rowan Co., and Garrard Co.

Ground was broken (or construction started) for new libraries in Livingston Co., Lyon Co., Corbin, Mercer Co., Meade Co., Marshall Co., Leslie Co., Boyd Co., and Trimble Co. The new library in Livingston County will be the first library in that county.

The Carter County Public Library celebrated its first year of operation, though a flood devastated the Olive Hill Branch in May.

McLean County received a grant of \$250,000 from the Federal government to begin library service.

### Legislative Day

The strongest Legislative Day effort to date was sponsored by the KPLA Advocacy Committee in February. The highlight was a rally in the Rotunda where members of the Public Library Caucus spoke in support of libraries.

Though ALA did not hold its traditional Legislative Day on Capitol Hill in May, a large delegation from Kentucky met with Congressmen and aides in support of libraries.

Talking Book subregional libraries closed

The Subregional Talking Book Library in Louisville was closed in 2009 and the Northern Kentucky subregional library will close on Oct. 1, 2010. As a result, Talking Book service for all 120 counties will be provided from KDLA.

Regulations revised

State regulations were revised and approved by the state legislature for the State Board for the Certification of Librarians and for KDLA's Public Records Division. This was the culmination of several years of work.

New Materials Added to State Archives

For the first time since 2006, additional materials were added to the State Archives as a result of extensive weeding of the State Library Collection. This is only a temporary measure as much more material is awaiting transfer to the State Archives than space permits. However, some additional irreplaceable materials will now be safely housed in the State Archives.

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